

In the Claims

1.(Currently Amended) A ladder system arrangement through which a ladder is retained on a deck of a water craft by a track arrangement wherein said and the ladder is aligned in a first location that is substantially vertical to a gate in an enclosure to permit egress of a person from a body of water onto the deck and on said ladder being rotated is rotatable 180° from a first position to a second position that is substantially vertical to said a side rail said and the ladder is moved movable from said the first location to a second location adjacent the gate for storage, said track arrangement being characterized by a rail having a length that extends from a first end that is located on said the deck adjacent an opening for said the gate to a second end that is located on said the deck a fixed distance past said the opening, said rail having an axial space that extends from said first end to the second end with an axial slot along a top surface of said rail that extends into said axial space from said first end to said second end, said axial slot having a dimension that is smaller than a width of said axial space such that first and second lips are defined along said top surface of said rail; a first hinge member having a first pin through which a first strap is connected to a second strap and a second pin through which the second strap is connected to a third strap; a first connector having a first head that is located in said axial space with a first projection that extends from said first head through said axial slot, said first strap of said first hinge member being secured to said first projection while said third strap of said first hinge member is secured to a first leg of said ladder; a second hinge member having a first third pin through which a first fourth strap is connected to a second fifth strap and a second fourth pin through which the second fifth strap is connected to a third sixth strap; and a second connector having a second head that is located in said axial space with a second projection that extends from said second head through said axial slot, said first fourth strap of said second hinge member being secured to said second projection while said third sixth strap of said second hinge member is secured to a second leg of said ladder, said first strap of said first hinge member and said fourth strap of said second hinge members member members remaining stationary when said ladder is rotated from said the first position to said the second position such that said second strap of said first hinge member and said fourth strap of said second hinge members member respectively pivot on said first and third pins therein to align said second and third straps over said first strap and said fifth

and sixth straps over said third strap and thereby bring said ladder into vertical alignment in a plane that is adjacent said the side rail such that on movement of said ladder to said the second position said location, the ladder is located on said deck behind said the enclosure and thereby hidden from view.

2.(Currently Amended) The ladder system track arrangement as recited in claim 1 wherein said second strap of said first hinge member and said fifth strap of said second hinge member are each is further characterized by a first stop to maintain said second strap in a substantial horizontal plane with respect to said first strap and said fifth strap in a substantial horizontal plane with respect to said fourth strap when said ladder is in said the first position.

3.(Currently Amended) The ladder system track arrangement as recited in claim 2 wherein said second strap and said fourth strap are each is further characterized by a button located adjacent said second pin that engages said the deck when said ladder is in said the first position to assist in maintaining said the horizontal position.

4.(Currently Amended) The ladder system track arrangement as recited in claim 3 wherein said second strap and said fourth strap are each is further characterized by a second stop that engages said third strap to limit the lateral movement of said ladder with respect to said the horizontal position.

5.(Currently Amended) The ladder system track arrangement as recited in claim 4 further including retainer means the that aid in keeping said first and second and third straps of said first hinge member and fifth and sixth straps of said second hinge member, second strap and said first and second legs of said ladder in said the vertical plane.

6.(Currently Amended) A ladder system track arrangement through which a ladder is retained on a deck of a water craft by a track arrangement and wherein said ladder is aligned in a first location that is substantially vertical to a gate in an enclosure to permit egress of a person from a body of water onto the deck and on wherein said ladder being rotated is rotatable 180° from a first position to a second position that is substantially vertical to said the enclosure to allow said ladder to be moved from said the first location to a second location adjacent said the gate for storage, said track arrangement being characterized by a rail having a length that extends from a first end located on said the deck adjacent an opening for said the gate to a second end located on said the deck a fixed distance past said the

opening, said rail having an axial space that extends from said first end to the second end with an axial slot located in a top surface of said rail that extends into said axial space from said first end to said second end, said axial slot having a dimension that is smaller than a width of said axial space such that first and second lips are defined along said top surface of said rail; a first hinge member having a first pin through which a first strap is connected to a second strap; a first connector having a first head that is located in said axial space and a first projection that extends from said first head through said axial slot, said first strap being secured to said first projection while said second strap is secured to a first leg of said ladder; a second hinge member having a second pin through which a third strap is connected to a fourth strap; and a second connector having a second head that is located in said axial space and a second projection that extends from the second head through said axial slot, said third strap being secured to said second projection while said fourth strap is secured to a second leg of said ladder, said first strap of said first hinge member and said third strap of said second hinge member remaining in a vertical position when said ladder is rotated from said first position to said second position such that said second and fourth straps respectively pivot on said first and second pins to align said second and fourth straps over said first and third straps to bring said ladder into vertical alignment in a plane that is adjacent the enclosure such that on movement of said ladder to the second location, said ladder is hidden behind the enclosure.

7.(Currently Amended) The ladder system track arrangement as recited in claim 6 wherein said second strap and said fourth strap are each further characterized by a first stop that respectively engage said first strap and said third strap to maintain said second and fourth straps in a substantial horizontal position with respect to said first strap and said third strap when the ladder is in said first position.

8.(Currently Amended) The ladder system track arrangement as recited in claim 7 wherein said second strap and said fourth strap are further characterized by a button that extends therefrom and engages the deck when said ladder is in said first position to assist in maintaining said horizontal position.

9.(Currently Amended) The ladder system track arrangement as recited in claim 8 wherein said first strap and said third strap are each characterized by a

second stop that engages said second strap and said fourth strap to maintain said ladder in said vertical alignment when said ladder is in said second position.

10.(Currently Amended) The ladder system track arrangement as recited in claim 9 wherein said first and second heads on said connectors slide within said axial space when said ladder is moved between said the first and second locations on said the deck.

11.(Currently Amended) The ladder system track arrangement as recited in claim 10 further including retaining means that holds said second strap against said first strap when said ladder is in said second position.

12.(Currently Amended) A ladder system track arrangement through which a ladder is retained on a deck of a water craft by a track arrangement and wherein said ladder is aligned in a first location that is substantially vertical to a gate in an enclosure to permit egress of a person from a body of water onto the deck and on said ladder being rotated rotatable from a first position to a second position inside of the enclosure to allow said ladder to be moved from said first location to a second location adjacent the gate for storage, said track arrangement being characterized by a rail having a length that extends from a first end located on said the deck adjacent an opening for said the gate to a second end located on said the deck a fixed distance past said the opening, said rail having an axial space that extends from said first end to the second end with an axial slot located in a top surface of said rail that extends into said axial space from said first end to said second end, said axial slot having a dimension that is smaller than a width of said axial space such that first and second lips are defined along said top surface of said rail; a first hinge member having a first pin through which a first strap is connected to a second strap; a first connector having a first head that is located in said axial space and a first projection that extends from said first head through said axial slot, said first strap being secured to said first projection while said second strap is secured to a first leg of said ladder; a second hinge member having a second pin through which a third strap is connected to a fourth strap; and a second connector having a second head that is located in said axial space and a second projection that extends from the second head through said axial slot, said third strap being secured to said second projection while said fourth strap is secured to a second leg of said ladder, said first strap of said first hinge member and said third strap of said second hinge member remaining in a vertical position when said ladder is rotated

from said first position to said second position such that said second and fourth straps respectively pivot on said first and second pins to align said second and fourth straps over said first and third straps to bring said ladder into vertical alignment in a plane that is adjacent said the enclosure such that on movement of said the ladder to said second location, said ladder is hidden behind said the enclosure.

13.(Currently Amended) The ladder system track arrangement as recited in claim 12 wherein said second strap and said fourth strap are each further characterized by a first stop that respectively engage said first strap and said third strap to maintain said second and fourth straps in a substantial horizontal position with respect to said first strap and said third strap when said ladder is in said first position.

14.(Currently Amended) The ladder system track arrangement as recited in claim 13 wherein said second strap and said fourth strap are further characterized by a button that extends therefrom and engages said the deck when said ladder is in said first position to assist in maintaining said horizontal position.